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Sir :

In response to the outstanding Official Action of August 3, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 3, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.